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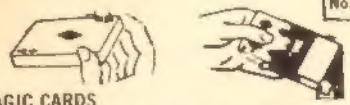

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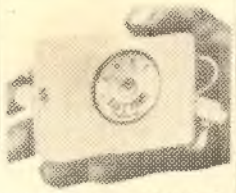

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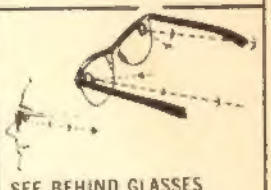

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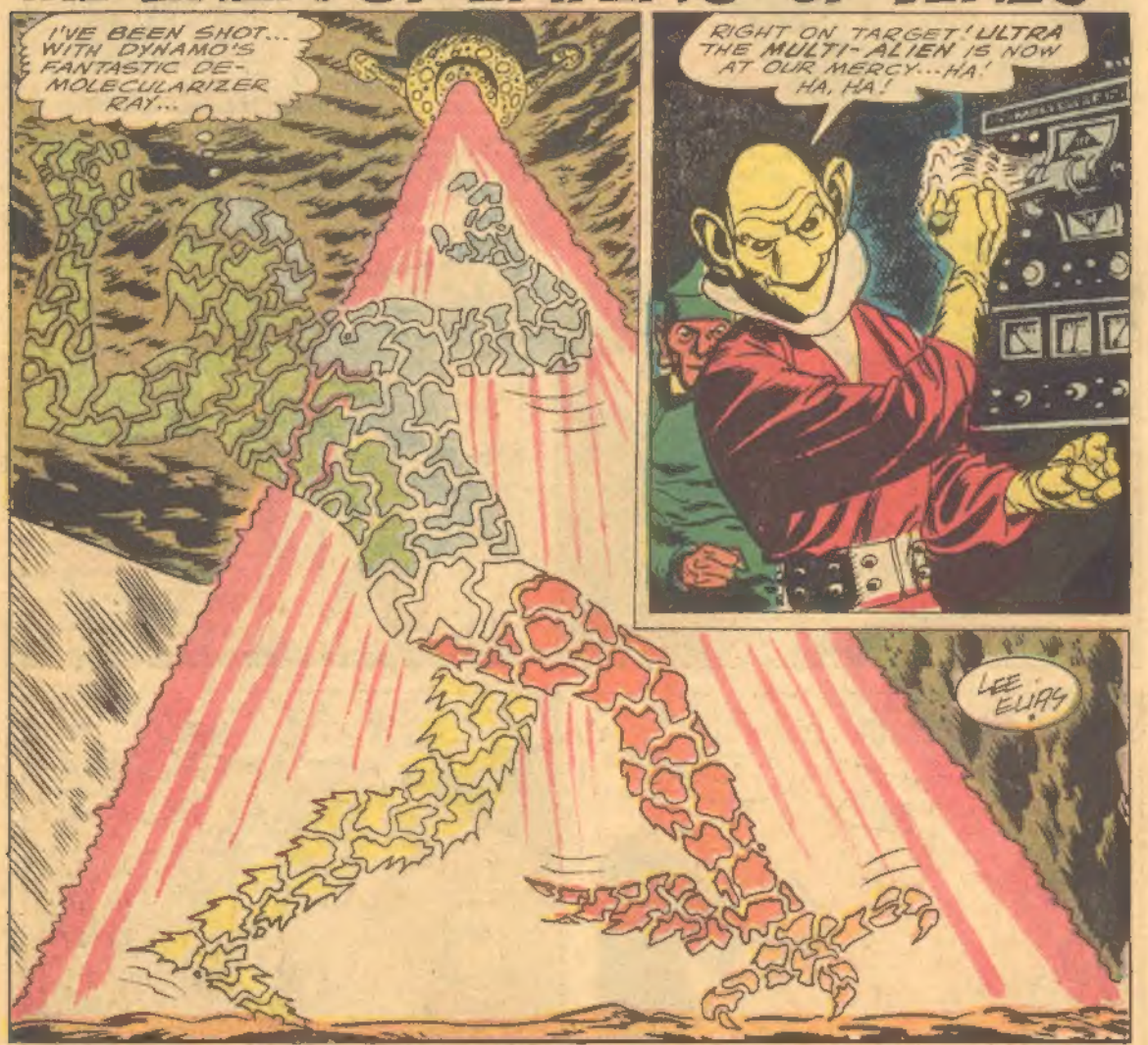
THE ENERGY EATERS OF VENUS


I'VE BEEN SHOT... WITH DYNAMO'S FANTASTIC DE-MOLECULARIZER RAY...
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HIGH OVER THE SMALL TOWN OF DALESVILLE, U.S.A., STREAKS A BIZARRE FIGURE--A BEING WHO HAS BECOME A HERO TO THE INHABITANTS...
GOSH, IT'S ULTRA--HE'S THE ONE WHO SAVED OUR TOWN FROM THE EVIL DR. TAXO'S MIST...
HI, ULTRA! GEE... HE'S WAVIN' BACK TO US...
AND MOMENTS LATER, AS THE MULTI-ALIEN ALIGHTS BEFORE THE LOCAL MOVIE THEATER..
WHY... THEY'VE MADE A DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT MY DISAPPEARANCE... WHEN I WAS ACE ARN... BEFORE I BECAME THIS WEIRD BEING...
THE MYSTERY OF CAPT. ACE ARN
THE SPACE PILOT WHO VANISHED IN A TRANSPORT SHIP!
MY LAST TIME IN DALESVILLE... WHEN I SAID GOODBYE TO BONNIE... IT'S A MEMORY THAT WILL ALWAYS LINGER WITH ME... WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED WHEN I RETURNED FROM THE TRIP...
...BUT I RETURNED LIKE THIS... A MULTI-ALIEN! AND I HAVEN'T HAD THE COURAGE TO TELL HER THE TRUTH... BONNIE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHO I REALLY AM...
ULTRA! HELLO THERE...
IT'S BONNIE... SHOPPING... I WAS HOPING TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HER...
HELLO, BONNIE!
NICE TO HAVE YOU BACK IN TOWN AGAIN, ULTRA!
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.. WE ALL THINK THE WORLD OF YOU!
IF ONLY SHE KNEW HOW MUCH THOSE WORDS MEAN TO ME!

THE AMAZING MULTI-ALIEN TAKES WING--SOARS OUT OF DALESVILLE AND OVER MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN WHERE...
MY SECRET MOUNTAIN LAIR... AND THE ONLY POSSIBLE MEANS OF ENTRANCE IS BY UTILIZING MY MAGNETIC PROPERTIES TO DRAW OPEN THE ROCK-COATED METALLIC DOOR...
AND ONCE WITHIN THE CAVERNOUS LABYRINTH...
ALONE AGAIN... AS I MUST BE SO OFTEN... I WONDER WHAT THE LATEST NEWS IS...
...STRANGE CAPSULES WERE SIGHTED FLASHING THROUGH THE SKY, AND WHEN THEY LANDED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CENTRAL CITY THEY BURST OPEN AND WEIRD ENERGY BEINGS EMERGED! AT THIS MOMENT THEY'RE MOVING TOWARDS WORLD LABORATORIES...
...OUR TV CAMERAS ARE ON THEM NOW... THE ENERGY MASSES SEEM INVINCIBLE... RAY BLASTS ARE RICOCHETING OFF THE OMINOUS FIGURES...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE... OR WHERE THEY CAME FROM... BUT THEY'RE UP TO NO GOOD! I'D BETTER GET THERE FAST!
ULTRA ONCE AGAIN TAKES TO THE SKY-- AND SHORTLY...
THE ENERGY CREATURES... ATTACKING THE LAB BUILDINGS! AND ONE OF THEM SEEMS TO HAVE SPOTTED ME...
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WHIRRR
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ULTRA AIMS HIS LEFT LEG, AND...
MY BOLTS... BOUNCING RIGHT OFF!
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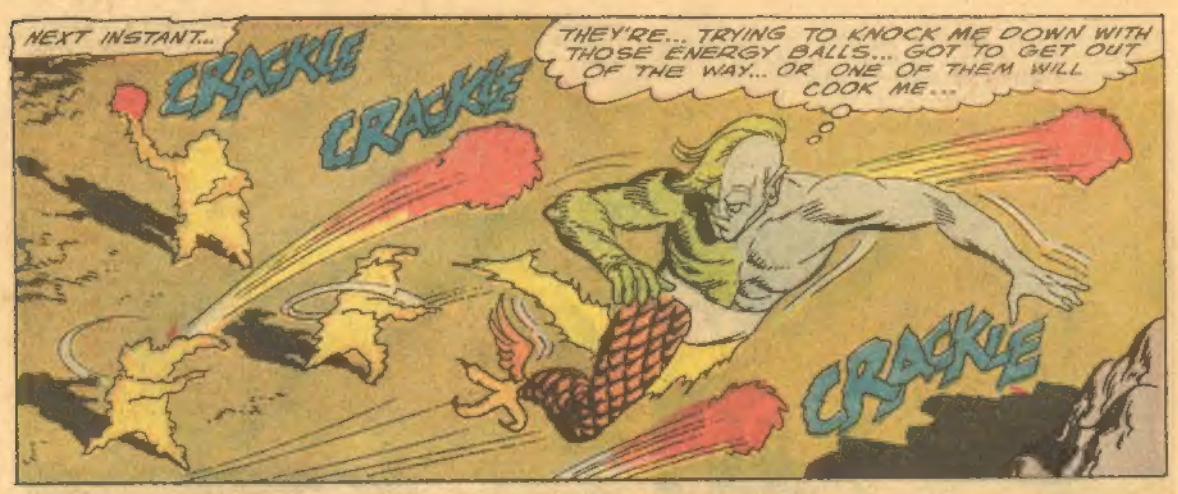
NEXT INSTANT..
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THEY'RE... TRYING TO KNOCK ME DOWN WITH THOSE ENERGY BALLS... GOT TO GET OUT OF THE WAY... OR ONE OF THEM WILL COOK ME...
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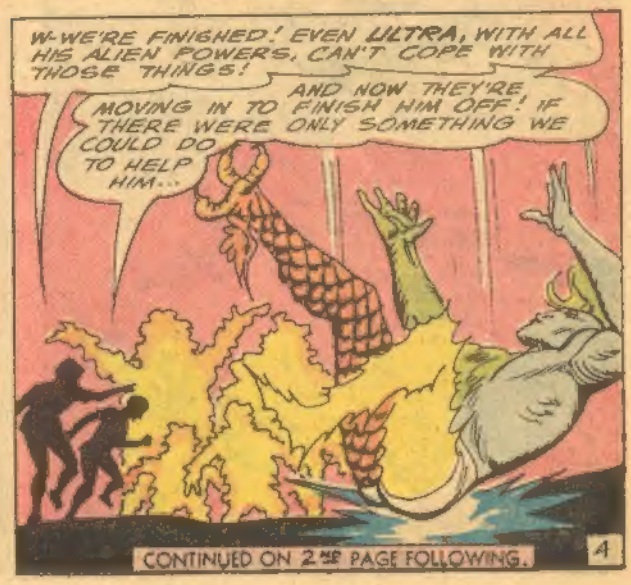
BUT THE BIZARRE BARRAGE IS TOO MUCH EVEN FOR THE MIGHTY **ULTRA**...

AND AS THE **MULTI-ALIEN** FLUTTERS DOWN... DOWN FROM THE SKY...


W-WE'RE FINISHED! EVEN **ULTRA**, WITH ALL HIS ALIEN POWERS, CAN'T COPE WITH THOSE THINGS!
AND NOW THEY'RE MOVING IN TO FINISH HIM OFF! IF THERE WERE ONLY SOMETHING WE COULD DO TO HELP HIM...
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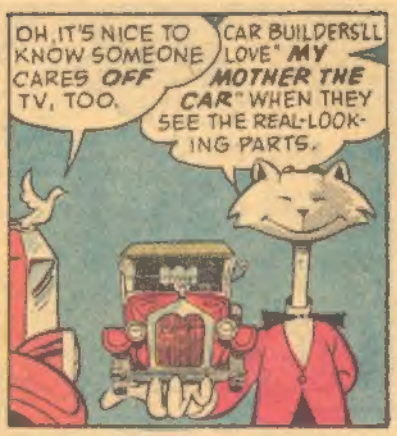

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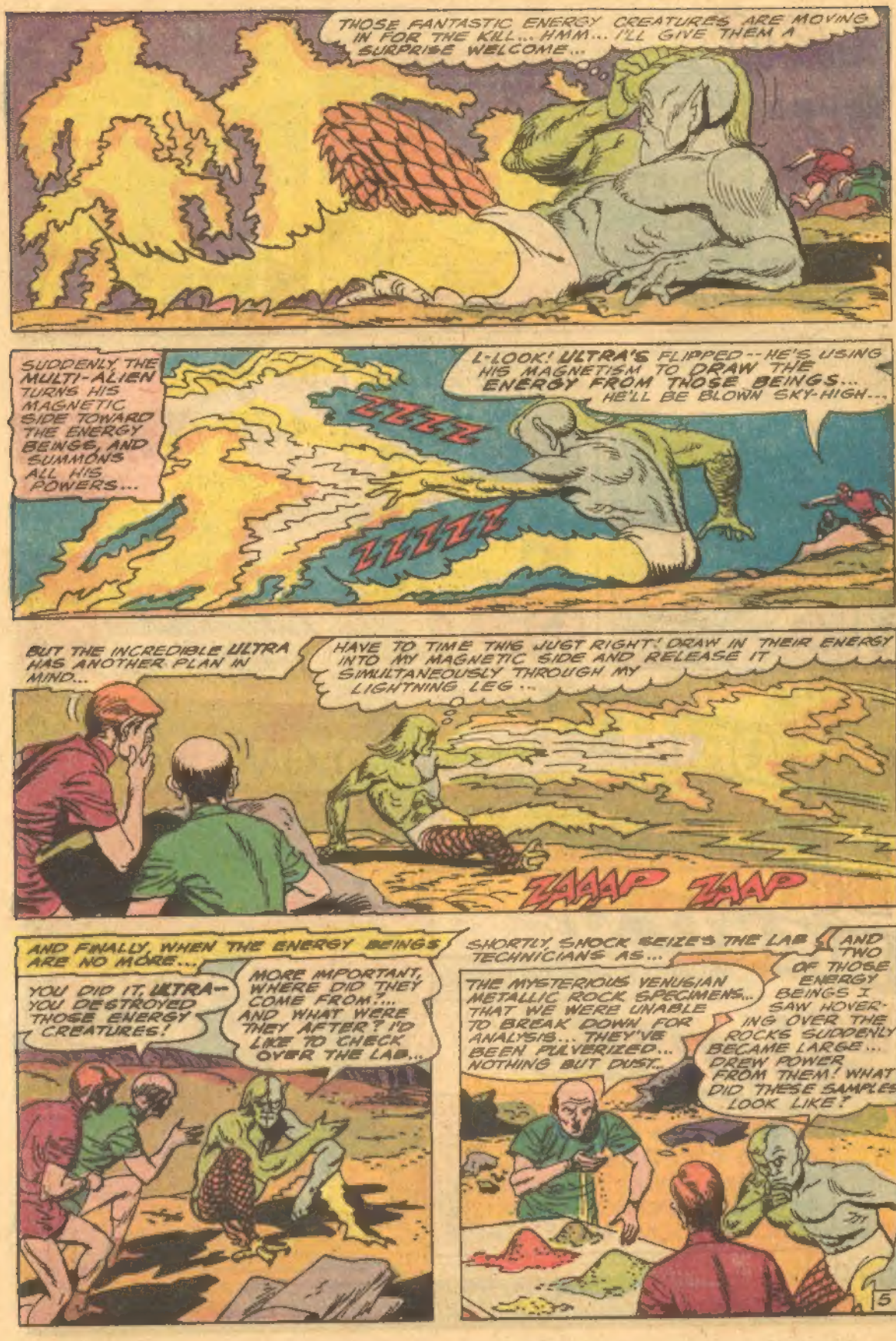
THOSE FANTASTIC ENERGY CREATURES ARE MOVING IN FOR THE KILL... HMM... I'LL GIVE THEM A SURPRISE WELCOME...
SUDDENLY THE MULTI-ALIEN TURNS HIS MAGNETIC SIDE TOWARD THE ENERGY BEINGS, AND SUMMONS ALL HIS POWERS...
ZZZZ
ZZZZZ
L-LOOK! ULTRA'S FLIPPED--HE'S USING HIS MAGNETISM TO DRAW THE ENERGY FROM THOSE BEINGS... HE'LL BE BLOWN SKY-HIGH...
BUT THE INCREDIBLE ULTRA HAS ANOTHER PLAN IN MIND...
HAVE TO TIME THIS JUST RIGHT! DRAW IN THEIR ENERGY INTO MY MAGNETIC SIDE AND RELEASE IT SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGH MY LIGHTNING LEG...
ZAAAP
ZAAP
AND FINALLY, WHEN THE ENERGY BEINGS ARE NO MORE...
YOU DID IT, ULTRA--YOU DESTROYED THOSE ENERGY CREATURES!
MORE IMPORTANT, WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?... AND WHAT WERE THEY AFTER? I'D LIKE TO CHECK OVER THE LAB...
SHORTLY, SHOCK SEIZES THE LAB TECHNICIANS AS...
THE MYSTERIOUS VENUSIAN METALLIC ROCK SPECIMENS... THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO BREAK DOWN FOR ANALYSIS... THEY'VE BEEN PULVERIZED... NOTHING BUT DUST...
AND TWO OF THOSE ENERGY BEINGS I SAW HOVERING OVER THE ROCKS SUDDENLY BECAME LARGE... DREW POWER FROM THEM! WHAT DID THESE SAMPLES LOOK LIKE?
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HERE ARE OUR FILE PHOTOS OF THE ROCKS, ULTRA! WHEN THEY WERE FOUND ON VENUS, THEY MYSTIFIED SCIENTISTS THERE, AND THEY SENT THEM TO WORLD LAB FOR ANALYSIS!
YOU SEE, WE HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL MATTER SMASHER IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, BUT EVEN IT COULDN'T BREAK DOWN THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE MYSTERY ROCKS!
ONE THING WE KNOW -- THOSE ROCKS CONTAINED SOME INCREDIBLE ENERGY FORCE WHICH THE ENERGY BEINGS ABSORBED! I'M GOING TO VENUS, GENTLEMEN -- THE KEY TO THIS MYSTERY MUST BE THERE!
MEANWHILE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, DEEP IN THE DEPTHS OF THE PLANET VENUS...
DID YOU SEE THAT ULTRA, DR. DYNAMO -- ? HE DESTROYED THE ENERGY BEINGS YOU SENT TO EARTH!
WHAT MATTER, RILVA? OUR MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED!
THE SAMPLES OF THE VENUSIAN ENERGY ROCKS THAT WERE SO UNFORTUNATELY FOUND NEAR THE VOLCANO AND SENT TO EARTH HAVE BEEN DESTROYED..
THE SECRET OF THE ENERGY ROCK -- THE GREAT POWERS THEY CONTAIN -- IS STILL OURS... A SECRET WE SHALL GUARD CLOSELY! AND NOW, TO PREPARE FOR TEST OPERATION #1 -- SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW!
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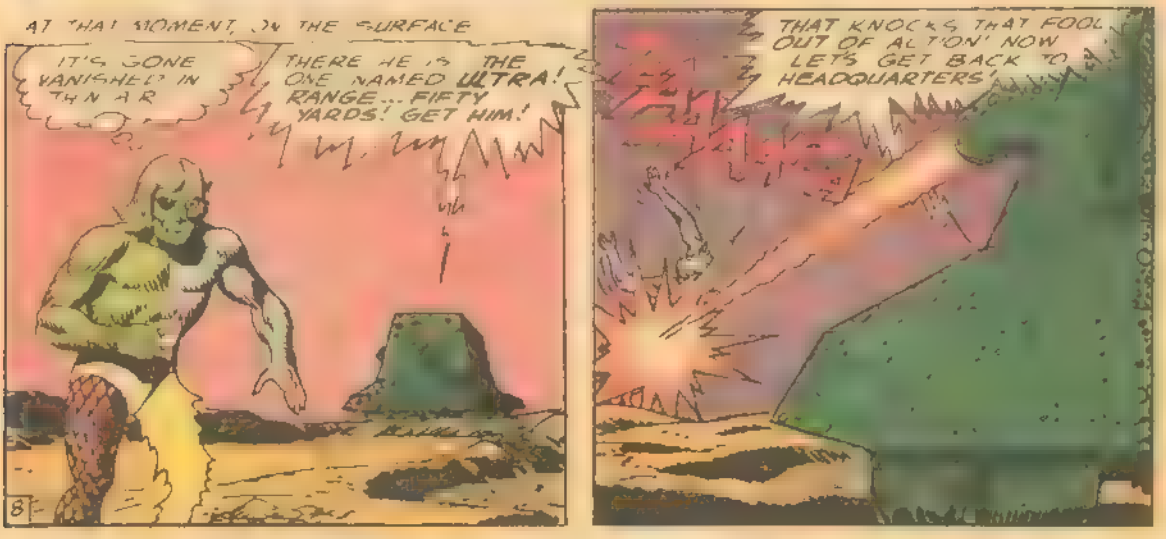
NEXT DAY, AS ULTRA ROCKETS IN FOR A LANDING ON VENUS...
ALERT, ALERT, SPACE PATROL! TWO STRANGE MACHINES ATTACKING GOLD BULLION CARRIER AT VENUS ROCKETWAYS...
A ROBBERY! BETTER SEE WHAT I CAN DO...
THE MULTI-ALIEN OPENS UP FULL THROTTLE--AND MERE MINUTES LATER...
KA-BLAAM
THAT MACHINE... MADE OUT OF THAT VENUSIAN METALLIC ROCK... SHOOTING A POWERFUL ENERGY BLAST OF SOME KIND TO KNOCK OUT THAT TRANSPORT TRUCK! I'VE GOT TO TRY TO STOP IT...
AS FAST AS LIGHTNING, ULTRA LEAPS FROM HIS SHIP--WINGS DOWN TO THE GROUND, AND..
IF I CAN JUST KNOCK IT OVER WITH THE SUPER-STRENGTH OF MY RIGHT HAND, THEN I'LL HAVE IT AT MY MERCY...
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! TURN ON RESISTOR REACTORS AT ONCE!
MY BEST SUNDAY PUNCH... STOPPED BY SOME MYSTERIOUS FORCE FIELD... CAN'T BREAK THROUGH...
ZZZZZ
ZZZZ
THE OTHER MACHINE... IT'S... DISINTEGRATING THE ARMORED TRUCK... BREAKING IT UP LIKE A-A JIGSAW PUZZLE...
ZAAAAP-A

SIMULTANEOUSLY, DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF VENUS.
EXCE..LENT! EXCE..LENT! THE DE-MOLECULARIZER IS WORKING PERFECTLY! WE HAVE OUR FIRST PRIZE... HA! HA!


AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE SURFACE
IT'S GONE VANISHED IN THIN AIR
THERE HE IS! THE ONE NAMED ULTRA! RANGE... FIFTY YARDS! GET HIM!
THAT KNOCKS THAT FOOL OUT OF ACTION! NOW LET'S GET BACK TO HEADQUARTERS!
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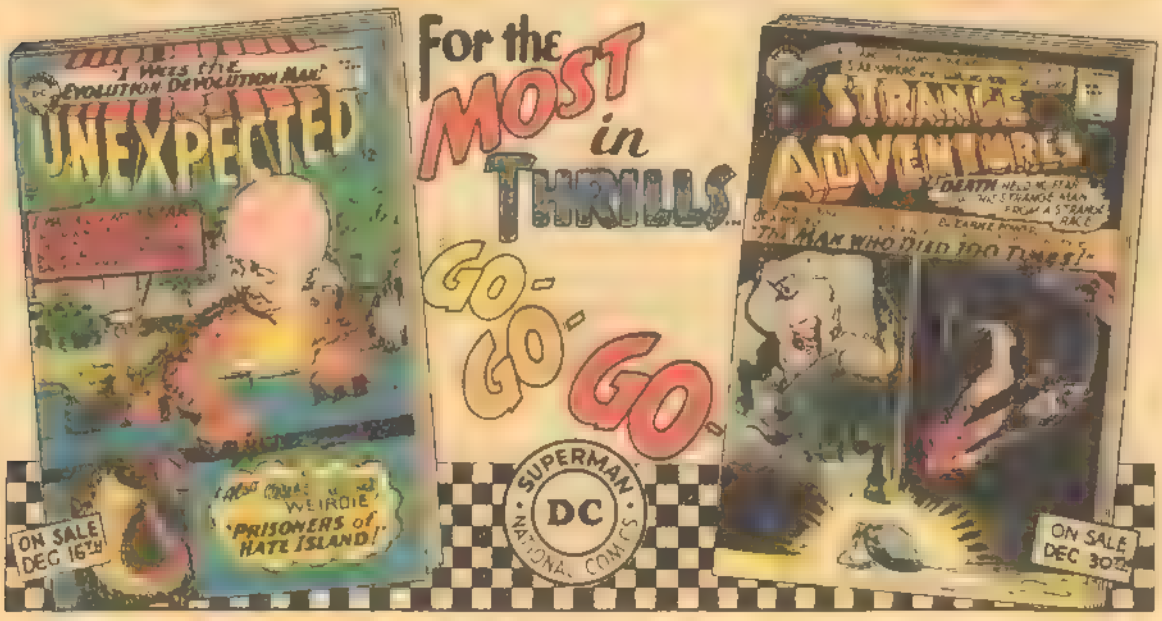
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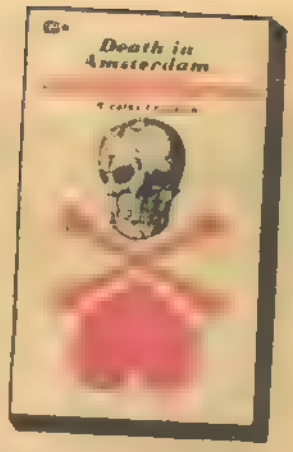

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Mislimov lives in a remote part of Azerbaijan where, according to Tass, all people live to an extremely ripe old age. In fact, there are over 5,000 Azerbaijanis who are over 100 years old!

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THE GIANT CRATERS OF MARS

Astronomers were startled to discover, from the Mariner 4 photographs recently taken, how deeply scarred the surface of Mars is.

Of course, scientists always knew that the Martian surface was pockmarked by craters caused by collisions with the asteroids, minor planets, and chunks of rock that comprise the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. But the big surprise was not only the countless numbers of these craters, but their extent as well. One picture reveals a giant crater about 75 miles wide, embracing several younger craters.

How do astronomers account for the fact that craters, formed possibly millions of years ago, are still so sharply defined? They reason that Mars, like the moon, has never been subjected either to substantial water erosion, or to the mountain-building processes that constantly change the surface features of Earth.

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The spectrum ranges from waves less than a thousandth of a millimeter long to some that are several miles long. The human eye sees neither the extremely short nor the extremely long, but only a small section of waves near the middle. In other words, there is a continuous spectrum of light that is about 60 times larger than man can observe.

However, this does not mean that man isn't making use of the light he cannot see. Well known by now are the many applications of infrared, ultraviolet and X-rays. Amazing future uses are in the works, such as an infrared sensing device employed to detect forest fires. Since burning objects expel vast amounts of infrared radiation, a fire can be detected by the instrument even before it can be seen.

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THE FLAME-JET SCALPEL

A surgical instrument that produces a flame hotter than—and as bright as—the sun may soon be used for high-speed surgery. The instrument, called a plasma-arc scalpel, is based on the principles of a generator that was developed over a year ago at Columbia University's Electronics Research Laboratories.

The generator produces a continuous jet of hot gas that requires no confining chamber. According to researchers on the project, the hottest part of the jet (up to 20,000 degrees Fahrenheit) may be twice as hot as the sun's surface and as bright as the sun's most brilliant regions.

The value of this projected surgical instrument, when completed, is incalculable. It will cut the time of operations to a fraction, and the gas would cause the blood to coagulate instantly.

Already in use is a surgical instrument of a similar nature—based upon the laser (which stands for "light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation"). Here, minute beams of extremely intense light energy from lasers are used in eye operations to repair detached retinas. The searing beam glues the retina back in place.

The INVISIBLE HANDICAP!

HA, HA, HA! LOOK AT THAT DOPEY DRAWING!
HEY, WHAT'S GOT INTO TOD?
HE'S A REAL WEIRDO--SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HIM!
YOU'RE RIGHT--SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH HIM. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ACTED THAT WAY IF HE WERE BLIND OR LAME...SOMETHING YOU COULD SEE. BUT THIS NEW BOY HAPPENS TO HAVE A HANDICAP THAT'S INVISIBLE--DAMAGE TO PART OF THE BRAIN...
THERE ARE MORE LIKE HIM THAN MOST PEOPLE REALIZE... BECAUSE OF FAULTY PERCEPTION, HE DOESN'T SEE OR DO THINGS QUITE AS YOU DO, AND WE'RE TRYING TO HELP HIM ADJUST..
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE FUN OF HIM OR ANYBODY WHO HAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM
GOSH MISS SMITH, WE DON'T KNOW WE'LL TRY TO HELP
SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...
GEE, TOD, THAT'S GREAT! PRETTY SOON, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HELP US!

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SHORTLY, LAUGHTER RINGS OUT IN THE DEPTHS OF VENUS, AS...
HA, HA, HA THE PLANET IS OURS, DYNAMO. AND EVERYTHING THAT'S ON IT-- THANKS TO YOUR INGENIOUS DE-MOLECULARIZER!
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, MY FRIENDS! EVEN NOW I AM DEVELOPING A SUPER-POWERFUL RAY
"...CAPABLE OF PENETRATING THE VASTNESS OF SPACE TO PLUCK GREAT RICHES FROM OTHER PLANETS.. EARTH, MARS, JUPITER"
"...WE'LL HOIST THIS WEAPON TO THE SURFACE..."
"...WHERE WE SHALL SELECT OUR TARGETS AT WILL! WHAT SHALL IT BE, MY FRIENDS? THE RARE RELICS OF THE EARTH MUSEUM, PERHAPS."
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING, EDDIE THE PAINTINGS, STATUES ARE BREAKING UP DISAPPEARING
"...OR MAYBE SOMETHING MORE GLAMOROUS-- SAY THE PRICELESS JOVIAN RUBY-- THE TWIN STAR OF ECTO..."
THINK OF IT... ANY OBJECT IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM WILL BE OURS FOR THE ASKING... OR SHOULD I SAY "THE SHOOTING"... HA, HA, HA!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT DYNAMO LET'S GET TO WORK
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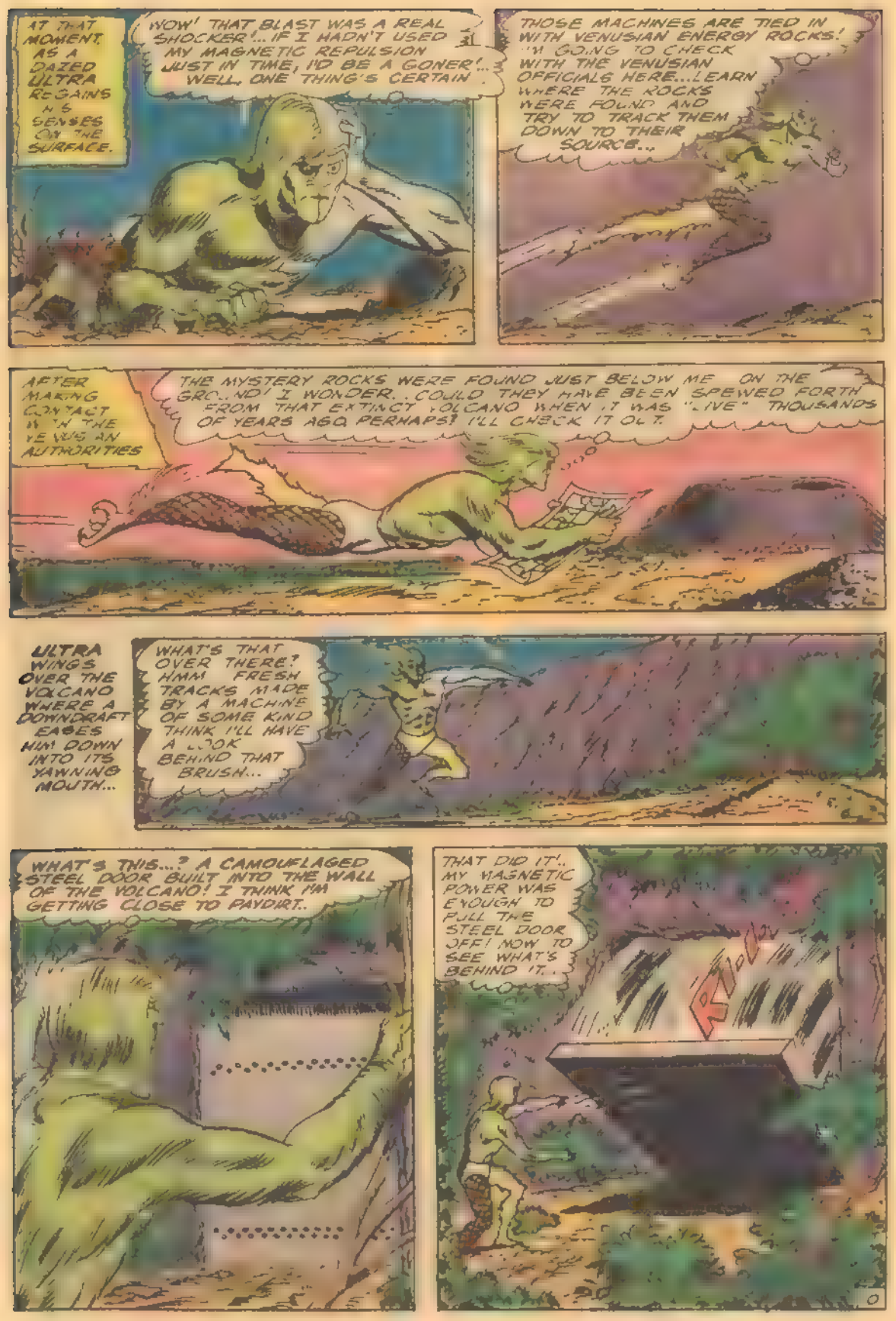
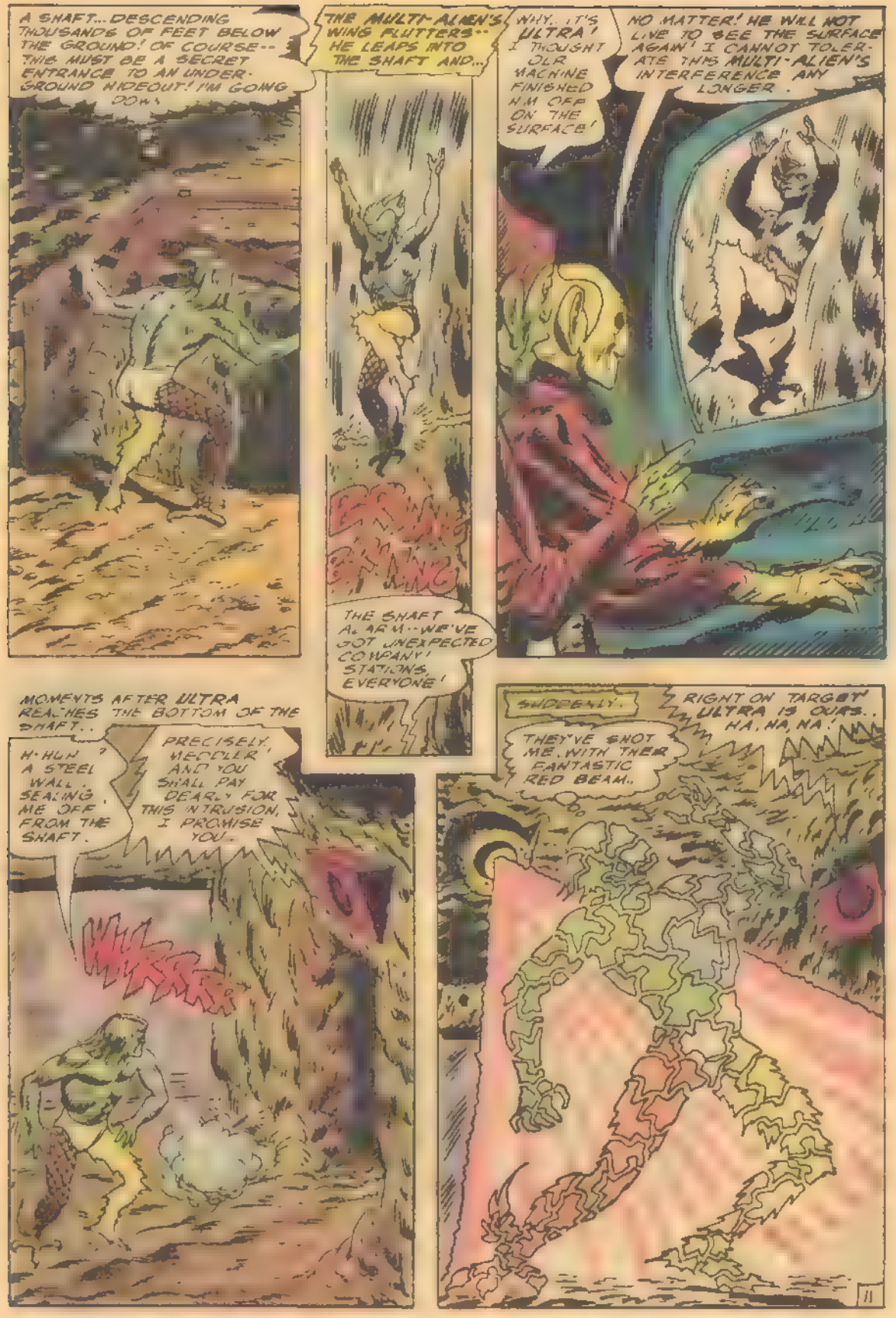

AT THAT MOMENT, AS A DAZED ULTRA REGAINS HIS SENSES ON THE SURFACE.
WOW! THAT BLAST WAS A REAL SHOCKER!.. IF I HADN'T USED MY MAGNETIC REPULSION JUST IN TIME, I'D BE A GONER!.. WELL, ONE THING'S CERTAIN.
THOSE MACHINES ARE TIED IN WITH VENUSIAN ENERGY ROCKS! I'M GOING TO CHECK WITH THE VENUSIAN OFFICIALS HERE...LEARN WHERE THE ROCKS WERE FOUND AND TRY TO TRACK THEM DOWN TO THEIR SOURCE...
AFTER MAKING CONTACT WITH THE VENUSIAN AUTHORITIES
THE MYSTERY ROCKS WERE FOUND JUST BELOW ME ON THE GROUND! I WONDER..COULD THEY HAVE BEEN SPEWED FORTH FROM THAT EXTINCT VOLCANO WHEN IT WAS "LIVE" THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO PERHAPS? I'LL CHECK IT OUT.
ULTRA WINGS OVER THE VOLCANO WHERE A DOWNDRAFT EASES HIM DOWN INTO ITS YAWNING MOUTH...
WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE? HMM! FRESH TRACKS MADE BY A MACHINE OF SOME KIND THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK BEHIND THAT BRUSH...
WHAT'S THIS...? A CAMOUFLAGED STEEL DOOR BUILT INTO THE WALL OF THE VOLCANO! I THINK I'M GETTING CLOSE TO PAYDIRT.
THAT DID IT!.. MY MAGNETIC POWER WAS ENOUGH TO PULL THE STEEL DOOR OFF! NOW TO SEE WHAT'S BEHIND IT..
RUMBLE


A SHAFT... DESCENDING THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW THE GROUND! OF COURSE-- THIS MUST BE A SECRET ENTRANCE TO AN UNDER-GROUND HIDEOUT! I'M GOING DOWN!
THE MULTI-ALIEN'S WING FLUTTERS-- HE LEAPS INTO THE SHAFT AND...
WHY... IT'S ULTRA! I THOUGHT OUR MACHINE FINISHED HIM OFF ON THE SURFACE!
NO MATTER! HE WILL NOT LIVE TO SEE THE SURFACE AGAIN! I CANNOT TOLERATE THIS MULTI-ALIEN'S INTERFERENCE ANY LONGER.
THE SHAFT ALARM-- WE'VE GOT UNEXPECTED COMPANY! STATIONS, EVERYONE!
MOMENTS AFTER ULTRA REACHES THE BOTTOM OF THE SHAFT..
H-HUH? A STEEL WALL, SEALING ME OFF FROM THE SHAFT.
PRECISELY, MECKLER AND YOU SHALL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS INTRUSION, I PROMISE YOU.
SUDDENLY..
THEY'VE SHOT ME WITH THEIR FANTASTIC RED BEAM..
RIGHT ON TARGET! ULTRA IS OURS.. HA, HA, HA!
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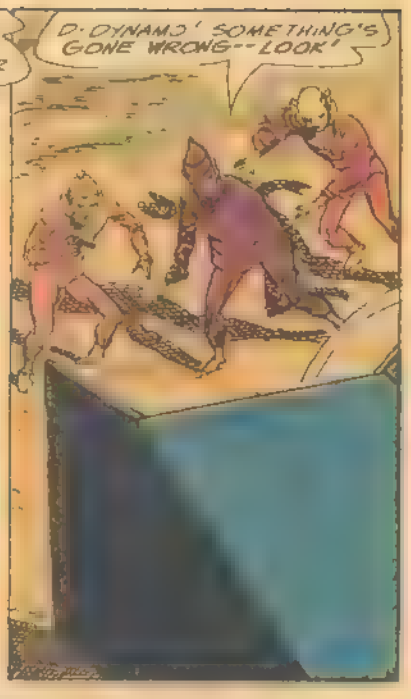
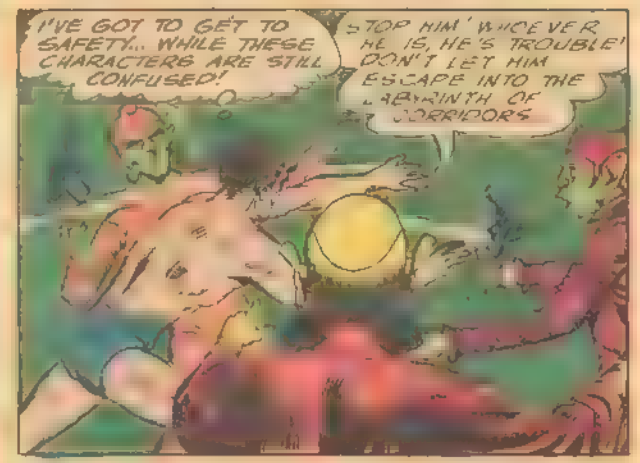
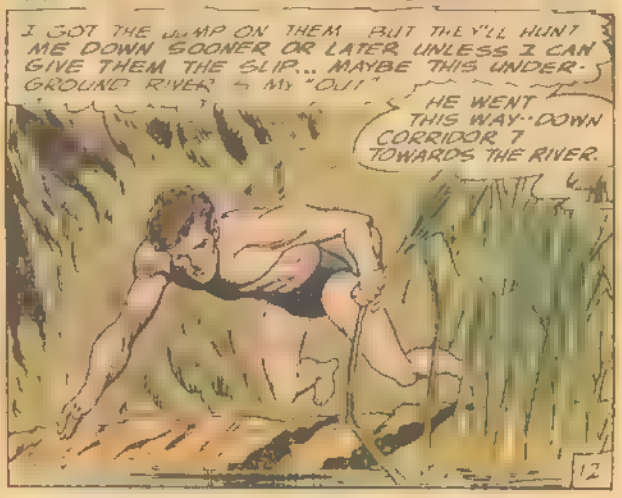


A-A HUMAN... AN EARTHMAN! WHAT HAPPENED TO ULTRA?
H-HUH? I'M MYSELF AGAIN! THE DE-MOLECULARIZER.. THE TELEPORTATION PROCESS MUST HAVE TRANSFORMED ME--BUT NO TIME TO THINK OF THAT NOW...


I'VE GOT TO GET TO SAFETY... WHILE THESE CHARACTERS ARE STILL CONFUSED!
STOP HIM! WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S TROUBLE! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE INTO THE LABYRINTH OF CORRIDORS

BUT ACE ARN, ALIAS **ULTRA**, IS TOO FAST ON HIS FEET FOR THE STARTLED CRIMINALS AND.


I GOT THE JUMP ON THEM BUT THEY'LL HUNT ME DOWN SOONER OR LATER UNLESS I CAN GIVE THEM THE SLIP... MAYBE THIS UNDERGROUND RIVER IS MY "OUT"
HE WENT THIS WAY--DOWN CORRIDOR 7 TOWARDS THE RIVER.

AND TENSE MOMENTS LATER..
THIS WAY. HE MUST HAVE FLED INTO THE NEIGHBORING CHAMBER
LUCKY FOR ME THE GRASS REEDS WERE GROWING AT THE RIVER'S BANK...I CAN BREATH THROUGH THE HOLLOW STEM LONG ENOUGH TO ELUDE THOSE CHARACTERS. I HOPE!
SHORTLY..
¡WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! GOSH, IT FEELS GREAT BEING HUMAN AGAIN! BUT WAIT A MINUTE...
..AS A HUMAN, I CAN'T BUST OUT OF THIS PLACE. THAT STEEL WALL IS BLOCKING OFF THE SHAFT TO THE SURFACE! I'LL ..I'LL NEED MY POWERS AS ULTRA TO ESCAPE...
..UNLESS I CAN FORCE THIS DYNAMO CHARACTER TO OPEN THOSE STEEL WALLS! GOT TO GIVE IT A TRY...
BUT AS ARN ENTERS THE MAIN CONTROL CHAMBER
YOU THOSE FOOLS DIDN'T FINISH YOU OFF BUT I WILL
OH OH HE'S GOING FOR HIS RAY PISTOL
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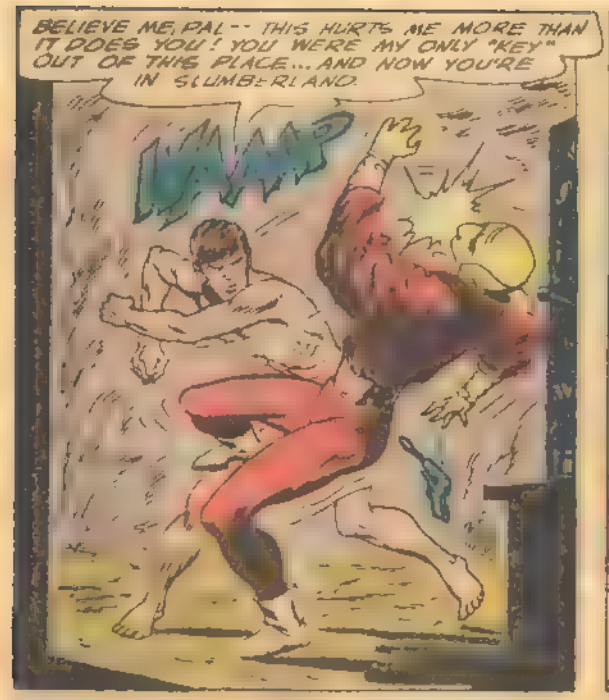
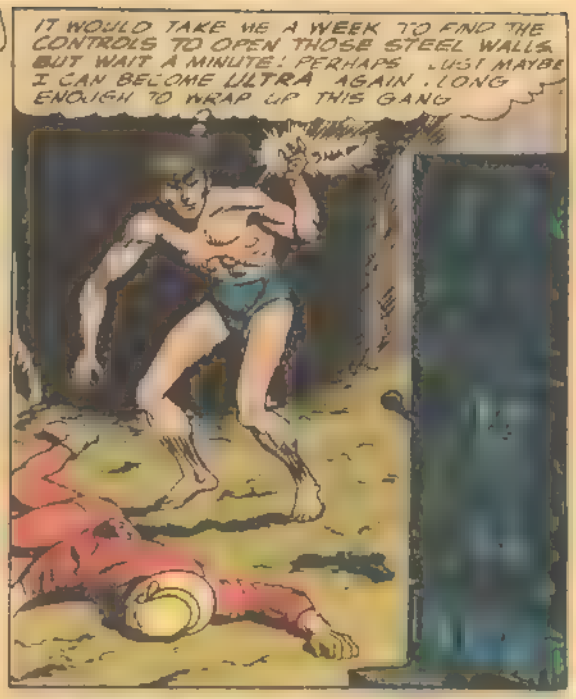
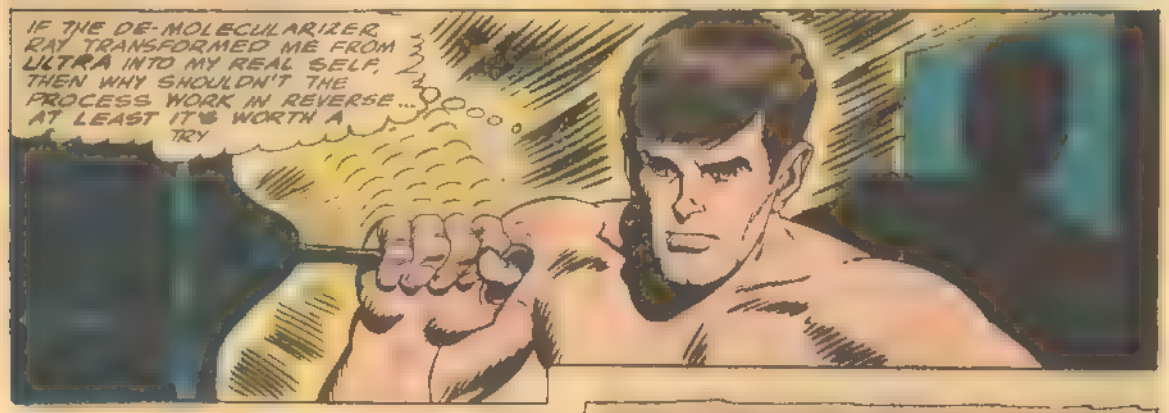
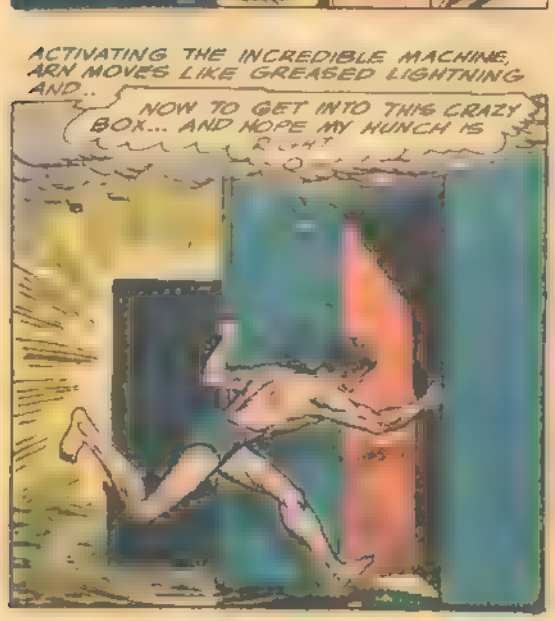

BELIEVE ME, PAL -- THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN IT DOES YOU! YOU WERE MY ONLY "KEY" OUT OF THIS PLACE... AND NOW YOU'RE IN SLUMBERLAND.
WHAM!


IT WOULD TAKE ME A WEEK TO FIND THE CONTROLS TO OPEN THOSE STEEL WALLS. BUT WAIT A MINUTE! PERHAPS JUST MAYBE I CAN BECOME ULTRA AGAIN . LONG ENOUGH TO WRAP UP THIS GANG


IF THE DE-MOLECULARIZER RAY TRANSFORMED ME FROM ULTRA INTO MY REAL SELF, THEN WHY SHOULDN'T THE PROCESS WORK IN REVERSE... AT LEAST IT'S WORTH A TRY


ACTIVATING THE INCREDIBLE MACHINE, ARN MOVES LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING AND..
NOW TO GET INTO THIS CRAZY BOX... AND HOPE MY HUNCH IS RIGHT

WITHIN THE BIZARRE STEEL BOX, A BLAZE OF LIGHTS SUDDENLY BLASTS ACE ARN -- AND AN INSTANT LATER...
IT...IT WORKED. I'M TRANSFORMING BACK TO ULTRA! NOW TO MOP UP THIS GANG... THEN REVERSE THE PROCESS AND BECOME ACE ARN AGAIN FOREVER!

I'M BACK IN THEIR HEADQUARTERS CHAMBER... OH, OH.. HIS PALS ARE BACK
IT'S ULTRA! HE FOUND HIS WAY DOWN HERE! WE'LL FINISH HIM THIS TIME...
WITH WHAT?. PRESTO! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A GUN!
OOF!
BUT I HAV...
SORRY PAL--YOU HAD A GUN! HUH?
THIS'LL PUT YOU OUT OF ACTION, ULTRA!
QUICKLY, THE MULTI-ALIEN BRINGS HIS AMAZING POWERS INTO PLAY BUT
HA, HA, HA.. EVEN YOUR LIGHTNING BOLTS CAN'T PENETRATE MY ENERGY METAL, ULTRA!
OF COURSE! HE'S GOT A WEAPON MADE OF THAT VENUSIAN ENERGY SUBSTANCE AND THE RED BLAST INDICATES IT'S A DE-MOLECULARIZER! HMM, IT'S PLUGGED INTO THE CONTROL PANEL..
IF I CAN BLAST THE PANEL, IT WILL KNOCK THE WEAPON OUT OF ACTION! BUT I'LL ALSO BE DESTROYING THE ONE AND ONLY POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING MYSELF.. ACE ARN.. AGAIN!
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AN INSTANT DECISION IS MADE -- AND ULTRA SPRINGS INTO ACTION...
YOU'RE A SHREWD ONE, ULTRA -- BUT YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE FROM THIS CHAMBER ALIVE... NO ONE WILL LIVE TO REVEAL MY SECRET LAIR!
THAT DID IT!
A PRESS OF THIS BUTTON, AND IN THREE MINUTES' TIME THIS ENTIRE CAVERN WILL ERUPT IN A VIOLENT EXPLOSION ...DESTROYING US ALL!
DYNAMO'S GONE MAD. I'VE GOT TO GET US ALL OUT OF HERE -- AND FAST!
WITH LIGHTNING - LIKE SPEED THE MULTI-ALIEN ZIPS INTO ACTION - AND SECONDS LATER.
THE CABLES FROM THE CONTROL PANEL ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO TOW THESE CHARACTERS OUT OF HERE... BUT TIME'S RUNNING OUT... I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT SHAFT FAST.
THERE'S THE SHAFT. NOW TO MAKE IT TO THE SURFACE AND FAST!
BRAAAM!!
UP, UP SOARS THE MULTI-ALIEN WITH HIS HUMAN "CARGO" - AND JUST ABOVE THE SURFACE...
THERE SHE BLOWS. BUT WE MADE IT! NOW TO HUSTLE THESE CHARACTERS TO THE VENUSIAN POLICE!
KA-BOOM!
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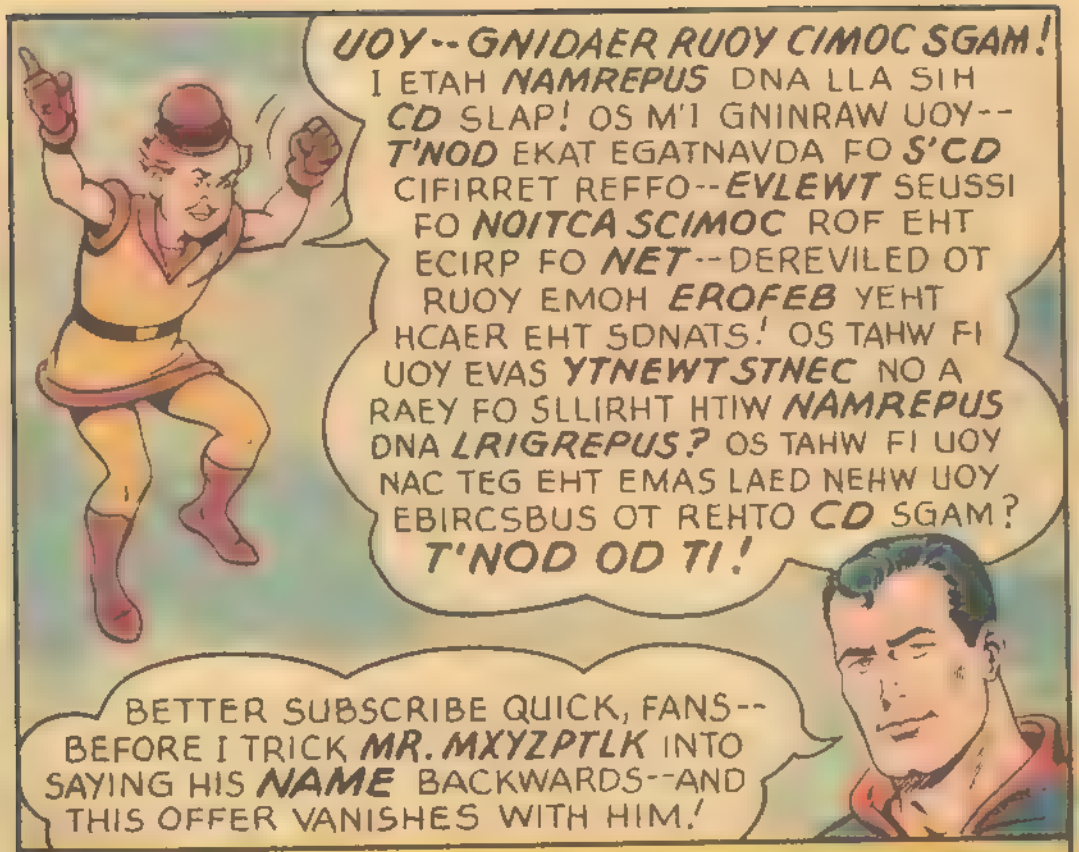
THE ONE MEANS I HAD OF BECOMING ACE ARN AGAIN... GONE UP IN SMOKE! BUT AT LEAST I KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MAKE THE TRANSFORMATION... AND PERHAPS ONE DAY I'LL LEARN THE SECRET OF DOING SO!
The End


UOY--GNIDAER RUOY CIMOC SGAM!
I ETAH NAMREPUS DNA LLA SIH CD SLAP! OS M'I GNINRAW UOY--T'NOD EKAT EGATNAVDA FO S'CD CIFIRRET REFFO--EVLEWT SEUSSI FO NOITCA SCIMOC ROF EHT ECIRP FO NET--DEREVILED OT RUOY EMOH EROFEB YEHT HCAER EHT SDNATS! OS TAHW FI UOY EVAS YTNEWTSTNEC NO A RAEY FO SLLIRHT HTIW NAMREPUS DNA LRIGREPUS? OS TAHW FI UOY NAC TEG EHT EMAS LAED NEHW UOY EBIRCSBUS OT REHTO CD SGAM? T'NOD OD TI!
BETTER SUBSCRIBE QUICK, FANS--BEFORE I TRICK MR. MXYZPTLK INTO SAYING HIS NAME BACKWARDS--AND THIS OFFER VANISHES WITH HIM!

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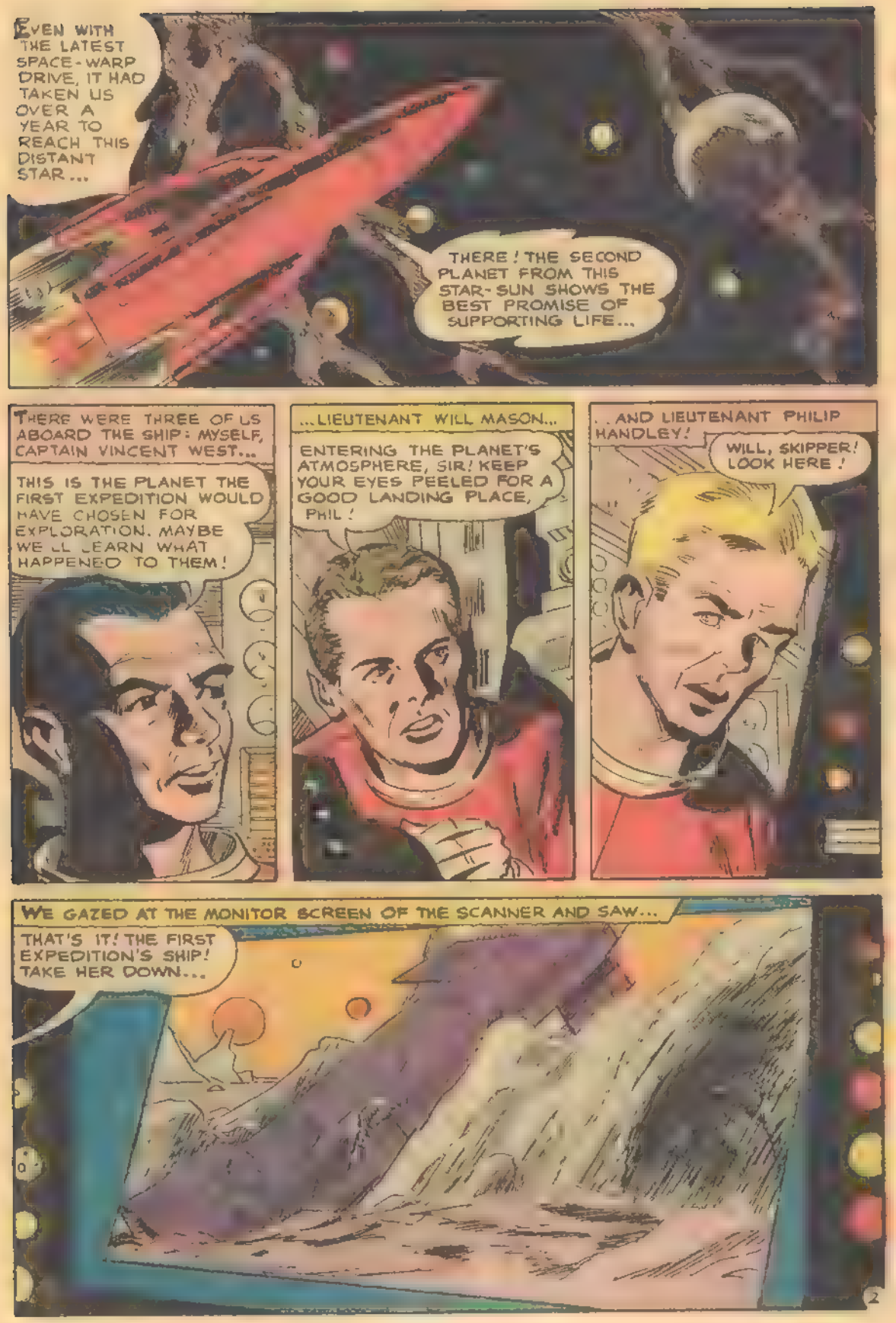
THE AGE OF INTERSTELLAR FLIGHT WAS NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OLD... MANY OF THE STARS IN OUR GALAXY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EXPLORED . BUT ONE EXPEDITION TO A STAR-SUN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GREAT MILKY WAY HAD BEEN LOST--UNTIL OUR RESCUE TEAM PLUNGED THROUGH TO FIND THE STARTLING ANSWER TO...

The RIDDLE OF THE CAPTIVE ASTRONAUTS!

GREAT COMETS! THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST EARTH EXPEDITION TO THIS WORLD HAVE JOINED THE ALIEN INHABITANTS TO ATTACK US! THEY'RE FIRING RAY GUNS AT US!
EARTH


EVEN WITH THE LATEST SPACE-WARP DRIVE, IT HAD TAKEN US OVER A YEAR TO REACH THIS DISTANT STAR...
THERE! THE SECOND PLANET FROM THIS STAR-SUN SHOWS THE BEST PROMISE OF SUPPORTING LIFE...
THERE WERE THREE OF US ABOARD THE SHIP: MYSELF, CAPTAIN VINCENT WEST...
THIS IS THE PLANET THE FIRST EXPEDITION WOULD HAVE CHOSEN FOR EXPLORATION. MAYBE WE'LL LEARN WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM!
...LIEUTENANT WILL MASON...
ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE, SIR! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR A GOOD LANDING PLACE, PHIL!
..AND LIEUTENANT PHILIP HANDLEY!
WILL, SKIPPER! LOOK HERE!
WE GAZED AT THE MONITOR SCREEN OF THE SCANNER AND SAW...
THAT'S IT! THE FIRST EXPEDITION'S SHIP! TAKE HER DOWN...

WE FOUND A LARGE LEVEL SPOT ABOUT TWO MILES FROM THE WRECKED VESSEL...
OUR INSTRUMENTS SHOWED THE ATMOSPHERE AND GRAVITY TO BE COMPATIBLE, SO WE WERE ABLE TO DISEMBARK WITHOUT SPACE SUITS...
WHAT A DESOLATE PLACE! ONLY ROCKS-- NO LIFE AROUND!
I'D SWEAR I SAW VEGETATION IN THIS DIRECTION AS WE LANDED-- AND I THINK I HEAR VOICES!
THE THREE OF US CLIMBED THE STONY SLOPE IN THE DIRECTION WILL INDICATED, AND. .
SKIPPER, AM I SEEING THINGS, OR..?
NOTHING OF THE SORT, WILL...
I KNEW THE MEN OF THE FIRST EXPEDITION... AND THOSE ALIEN KIDS ARE WEARING MASKS OF THEIR FACES!
HEY! THAT SOUNDS LIKE MUSIC COMING THIS WAY!
LOOK! IT'S A PARADE!

A PARADE IT WAS! IN MINUTES, SPECTATORS WERE GATHERING IN DROVES! BUT AS THE PROCESSION PASSED US, WE GREW A BIT SICK, FOR
ED HASKINS! STEVE PETERS! AL YEATS! THOSE ALIENS HAVE MY OLD PALS CAGED--LIKE CRIMINALS--OR ANIMALS!
WHAT ARE THOSE CREEPS THROWING AT 'EM?
THOSE SAVAGES! THEY'RE THROWING SOME KIND OF EXPLOSIVES AT THE CAGE! THEY'RE TAUNTING OUR MEN WITH 'EM!
THERE THEY GO...AND EVERYONE'S FOLLOWING THE PARADE--EVEN THE KIDS!
GOOD! THEN, IF WE KEEP FAR ENOUGH BEHIND 'EM, WE CAN TRAIL 'EM AND SEE WHAT THEY DO TO MY OLD BUDDIES!
WE FOLLOWED STEALTHILY! AT LAST, FROM A CLUMP OF SHRUBBERY WHERE WE HID, WE SAW WHERE OUR FELLOW EARTHMEN HAD BEEN TAKEN
HOLY CATS! THAT LOOKS LIKE A-A ZOO CAGE THEY'RE PUTTING OUR PALS IN!
WE GOTTA FREE 'EM!

NOT NOW! TOO MANY OF THOSE BLASTED ALIENS AROUND! WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL NIGHTFALL!
WE CAN'T BE FAR FROM THE WRECKED SHIP! LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK AT HER!
WE HEADED FOR THE NEARBY HILLS, WHERE WE HAD SPOTTED THE CRUMPLED HULK
THERE SHE IS!
BUT AS WE APPROACHED THE SHIP...
HEY! THERE'S AN INVISIBLE BARRIER HERE!
THE SHIP'S FORCE-FIELD FOR METEOR DEFENSE MUST BE ON!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN TURNED ON BY THE CAPTAIN'S REMOTE-CONTROL UNIT! BUT I CAN TURN IT OFF WITH THE UNIT IN MY BELT!
WITH THE FORCE-SHIELD SHUT OFF, WE EASILY REACHED THE DESOLATE HULK OF THE WRECKED VESSEL...
LOOKS LIKE THE SHIP WAS PRETTY BADLY SMASHED!
YEAH--BUT THE CABIN'S STILL INTACT! THAT'S HOW THE CREW SURVIVED!
WE DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT SOME OF THE ALIEN KIDS HAD SPOTTED US AND WERE LOOKING US OVER AT THAT VERY MOMENT!
GLRP HANFRG WORL!
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A SHORT TIME LATER...
HEY! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
GREAT FISH! THOSE ALIENS ARE COMING AFTER US!
BUT IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN...
HEY! IT'S YOUR BUDDIES, SKIPPER! WHY HAVE THEY THROWN IN WITH THOSE ALIENS?
I-I DON'T KNOW, LIEUTENANT! I JUST DON'T KNOW!
WHAT NOW, CAP'N? THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US!
THE ALIENS MUST'VE BRAIN-WASHED THEM! I CHOKE HATE TO DO THIS, BUT--DRAW YOUR WEAPONS!
JUST THEN, THERE CAME A SUDDEN CRY. WE TURNED... AND...
BEHIND YOU! HURRY! BEFORE THE THING GETS YOU!
THAT MUST BE WHY THE FORCE-FIELD WAS ON-- NOT TO KEEP ANYONE OUT OF THE AREA, BUT TO KEEP THAT BEAST IN!
HOLY COW! THEY WEREN'T SHOOTING AT US, AFTER ALL!
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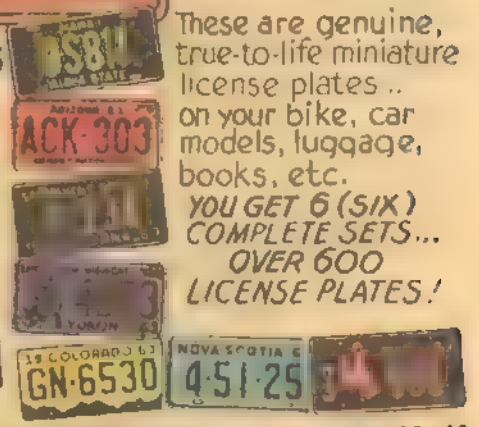

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WE'RE DRIVING IT BACK!
BUT IT'LL BE COMING OUT AGAIN BEFORE LONG, UNLESS WE CAN GET THAT FORCE-FIELD ON!
NOW ED, GIVE! WE SAW YOU IN CAGES AND THEY WERE THROWING BOMBS AT YOU!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! IT WAS AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! THAT WAS A KIND OF PALANQUIN THEY CARRIED US IN--TO HONOR US! THE "BOMBS" WERE HARMLESS FIRE-WORKS! AND THE OTHER "CAGE" IS THEIR VERSION OF A SCREENED-IN PORCH, TO KEEP OUT NIGHT-FLYING BIRDS!
"WHEN WE TRIED TO LAND HERE--A FEW YEARS AGO EARTH-TIME--WE ACCIDENTALLY SIDE SWIPED THIS CLIFF!"
YE GODS! WE MAY BE STRANDED ON THIS WORLD--OUT OF SPACE-RADIO RANGE OF EARTH'S STELLAR UNION!
"THE NATIVES WERE FRIENDLY AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE US COMFORTABLE. LATER, WHILE WE WERE UNLOADING THE SHIP..."
LOOK OUT! IT'S THE ZORNAB--LAST OF ITS KIND! IT HIBERNATES FOR YEARS, THEN COMES OUT AND DEVOURS OUR CATTLE!
GOOD THING WE LEARNED YOUR LINGO!.. BLAST IT!

"OUR RAY GUNS COULDN'T PIERCE ITS TOUGH, METALLIC HIDE, BUT WE DROVE IT BACK THEN I ACTIVATED THE FORCE-SHIELD BY REMOTE CONTROL!"
IT'D LOVE TO GET AT US, BUT THE SHIELD STOPS IT COLD!
YOU'VE BEATEN IT YOU ARE OUR HEROES!
AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE WRECKED SHIP ENDED HIS STORY . .
BAD NEWS THE FORCE-SHIELD WAS WRECKED BY THE MONSTER!
IT WAS LOSING ITS POWER ANYHOW! BUT NOTHING ELSE CAN STOP THAT IRON-SCALED BEHEMOTH--NOT EVEN STARVATION, IT SEEMS!
DID YOU SAY IRON? COME ON! I HAVE AN IDEA HOW WE CAN FINISH IT FOR GOOD!
I SURE HOPE IT WORKS! HERE COMES THAT HUNGRY BRUTE NOW--AND IT MUST WANT US AS APPETIZERS!
I LED THE WAY STRAIGHT TO OUR SHIP!
HURRY--INSIDE, ALL OF YOU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK US TWICE!
WE GOT IN THE VESSEL AND CLOSED THE HATCH JUST AS THE MONSTER REACHED THE SHIP THEN.
YOU SEE, ED--WE HAVE A NEW ANTI-METEOR DEVICE WHICH IS MAGNETIC! IT'LL REPEL METEORS--OR ANYTHING ELSE MADE OF IRON!
BUT THE CREATURE WILL TURN ON THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD AND THEIR CATTLE!

ONCE WE WERE OUT IN SPACE, I REVERSED THE FIELD AGAIN, RELEASING THE MONSTER IN THE BLACK VOID OF SPACE!
THAT'S THAT! I DON'T THINK EVEN THAT IRON-SCALED COLOSSUS CAN SURVIVE OUT HERE!

WE WONDERED WHY THOSE KIDS WERE WEARING MASKS OF YOU THREE CHARACTERS! WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HEROES!
WE ONLY CONFINED THE MENACE THAT YOU DESTROYED! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THE MASK-MAKERS WERE PLANNING COPIES OF YOUR KISSERS RIGHT NOW!
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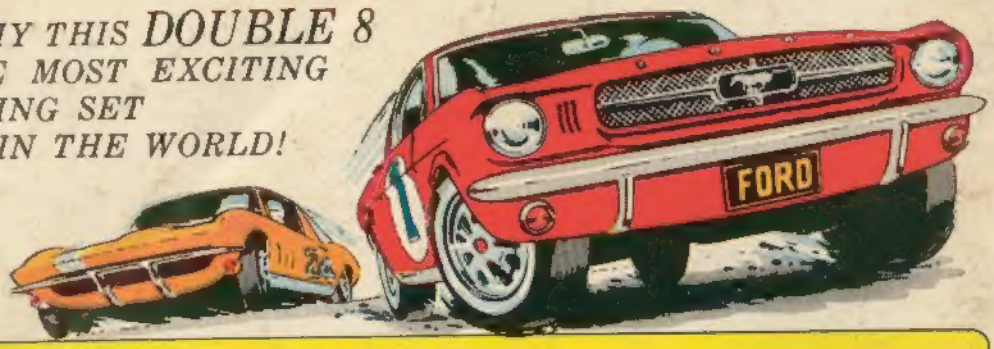

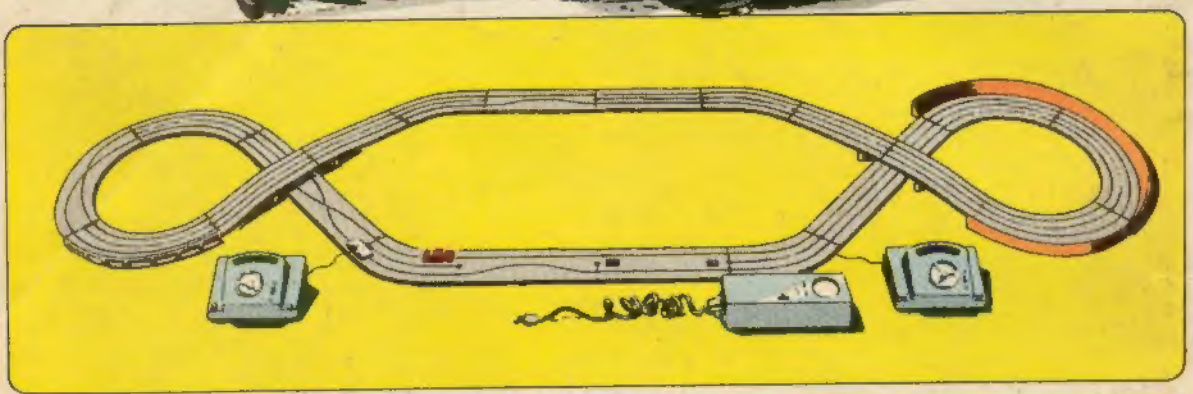

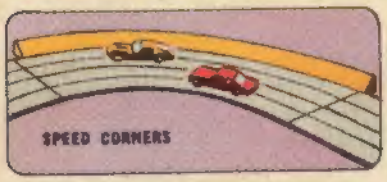

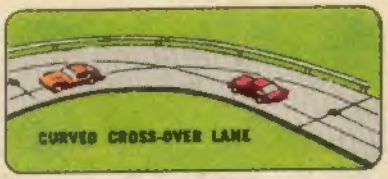

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